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Formation of roads in Kadampuliyur firka.

* 401 *Q.*—Sri K. ARANGANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state the amount of contribution made by the villagers to form roads in the rural welfare centres in Kadampuliyur firka in South Arcot district so far?

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" The villagers have contributed only in the form of labour to the extent of Rs. 9,405-5-0."

Sri K. ARANGANATHAN :—" சென்ற அண்டுகளில் ரோடுகள் (பெயர்கள்) மரங்களில்தான் தொங்கிக்கொண்டிருக்கின்றன என்று புகார் சொல்லப்பட்டது. இந்த ஆண்டு ரோடுகள் போடப்ப டிருக்கின்றனவா? எத்தனை ரோடுகள் கிராமங்களில் போடப்பட்டிருக்கின்றன? அவைகளின் நீளம் எவ்வளவு? "

The Hon. Sri M. BHAKTAVATSALAM :—" Sir, twelve roads were sanctioned and six roads have been completed. Six other roads are pending completion because of the obstruction of owners of land over which the roads have to pass. Acquisition under the Land Acquisition Act is under consideration of the Government. I have no information about the length of the roads."

Inam villages.

* 402 *Q.*—Sri S. T. ADITYAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state when the Government propose to introduce legislation to amplify section 3 (2) (*d*) of the Madras Estates Land Act, 1908, defining an 'Inam village' in pursuance of their undertaking to do so?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" The matter is under the consideration of the Government. This was a subject of decision by a Bench of the High Court, and then by a Full Bench of the High Court. Therefore, Government are carefully examining it."

Sri S. T. ADITYAN :—" How long is it since the promise was made by Government that the amendment will be made? "

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" As to when the promise was made, probably the hon. Member is better aware than myself. I shall try to expedite the matter."

Quality and quantity of rice despatched from Vijayavada to Cannanore.

* 403 *Q.*—Sri M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state with reference to the answer given to starred question No. 1027 answered on 25th July 1953, whether the Government have taken any final decision in the matter?

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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The matter is still under investigation and a final decision has not yet been taken by the Government."

Appointment of Collectors.

* 404 *Q.*—SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of Collectors in the State who belong to Backward Classes; and

(*b*) the number of direct recruits and the number appointed by transfer from the grade of Deputy Collectors?

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" (*a*) None of the Collectors belongs to the Backward Classes as distinguished from the Scheduled Castes. There are two Collectors of the latter group. But if we take in all officers of Collectors' rank including those in posts other than district charge, there are six Scheduled Caste officers of that rank.

" (*b*) The posts of Collectors are not filled by direct recruitment. Of the fourteen Collectors, six belong to the I.C.S., six to the I.A.S. recruited from among Deputy Collectors and two appointed to the I.A.S. by open competition."

SRI K. R. VISWANATHAN :—" In view of the fact that none from the Backward Classes is acting as Collector in the whole of the State, am I to infer that the reservation of 25 per cent of all kinds of posts for the Backward Classes is a farce? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, there is no question of direct recruitment to the posts of Collectors as such. They must be promoted from below. Hon. Member will realize the inappropriateness of making any reservation like that for particular posts. But so far as the bottom recruitment goes, hon. Member knows what the arrangements are."

SRI K. VINAYAKAM :—" Sir, arising out of the answer given by the Hon. the Chief Minister to clause (*a*), is it not a fact that the Collector of Chingleput, Sri Muthirulandi, belongs to the Backward Classes? "

THE HON. SRI C. RAJAGOPALACHARI :—" Sir, as I have already said, if the distinction between the Scheduled group and the Backward Classes is kept in mind, hon. Member will not misunderstand me when I say that the Collector of Chingleput is marked down in the Scheduled group."

SRI A. RATNAM :—" சென்ற ஆண்டில் சாதாரணமாக எத்தனை ஜில்லாக் கலெக்டர்கள் ஹரிஜனங்களைச் சேர்ந்தவர்கள் என்று கேட்டதற்கு தோழர் முத்திருளாண்டியை ஹரிஜன இனத்தைச் சேர்ந்தவர் என்று முதல் அமைச்சர் கூறி இருக்கிறாரா. நான் கேட்கிறேன், தோழர் முத்திருளாண்டி 20 ஆண்டுகளுக்கு முன்பு இருந்தாரா ? "